चाहिएं, लेकिन इतना सख्त उनका प्रोसीजर है और इतने परेशान किए जाते हैं कि एक भी मेडीकल कालेज जेन्यून नहीं खुल सका है। तो मंत्री जी क्या यह बताएंगे, उत्तर प्रदेश हिन्दुस्तान का हिस्सा है, जैसा अभी सवाल हुआ ऐसे स्टुडेंटस और ऐसे कॉलेजों के बारे में, आप क्या फैसला लेंगे जहां चार साल, पांच साल पूरे हो गए हैं? उत्तर प्रदेश में ऐसे कई इंजीनियरिंग कालेज हैं, जिनको पोलिटिकल रिकोगनिशन मिली। पहले कॉलेज खोल लिए गए, स्टुडेंटस ने अपने कोर्स पूरे कर लिए, जब उनके कोर्स के साल पूरे हो गए तो उनको रिकोगनिशन मिल गई। दूसरे प्रदेशों में ऐसे ही मेडीकल कालेज खोले गए और स्टेट गवर्नमेंट ने सरकारी अस्पतालों में मरीजों को दाखिल करने के लिए एलाऊ किया, उत्तर प्रदेश में भी ऐसा तरीका है कि सरकारी अस्पतालों में मरीजों को दाखिल करके उन मेडीकल कालेजों को चलाया जा सकता है। साऊथ स्टेट्स में ऐसे बहुत से मेडीकल कालेज चल रहे है और देश की सेवा कर रहे हैं। उत्तर प्रदेश में सरकारी मेडीकल कालेज कितने हैं, वह तो आपको मालूम ही है। देश का यह सबसे बड़ा प्रदेश है, सबसे ज्यादा यहां गरीबी है और प्राइवेट मेडीकल कालेज के नाम पर यहां कुछ नहीं है। तो क्या उत्तर प्रदेश में प्राइवेट मेडीकल कालेज खुलें, उनको इसकी इजाजत मिले, कम से कम उन्हें परेशान किया जाए, ऐसी कोई व्यवस्था बन पाएगी ताकि यहां ईलाज हो सके और लोगों को राहत मिल सके?

श्री सलीम इकबाल शेरवानी: सर, कानून तो पूरे देश के लिए एक है। अगर साऊथ में खुल सकते हैं तो उत्तर प्रदेश में भी खुल सकते हैं उत्तर प्रदेश में इस वक्त सिर्फ दो प्राइवेट मेडीकल कालेज हैं जो रिकोगनाइज्ड हैं और 9 गवर्नमेंट के मेडीकल कालेज हैं। इधर कुछ अर्से से पिछले साल भर में कुछ और एप्लीकेशन्स आई हैं उत्तर प्रदेश में प्राइवेट मेडीकल कालेज की, जो देखी जा रही हैं। उनसे कंडीशन्स भी सारी कही गई है कि वह मीट करें और उसके बाद वह प्रोसेस में डाली जाएंगी। सवाल यह है कि गवर्नमेंट की तरफ से कोई रुकावट नहीं होती है। प्राइवेट मेडीकल कालेज जो लोग लगाना चाहते हैं, अगर वे कंडीशन्स मीट करते हैं तो कोई वजह नहीं है कि उनको इजाजत न दी जाए और यह जो असेसियलिटि सर्टिफिकेट प्राइवेट मेडीकोज के पास होना चाहिए वह तो स्टेट गवर्नमेंट देती है। जब स्टेट गवर्नमेंट असेसियलिटि सर्टिफिकेट दे देती है, यूनिवर्सिटी उसका एफिलिएशन दे देती है, लोगों के पास इतना पैसा होता है, जमीन होती है या जमीन पैसे से 25 एकड़ ले लेते हैं और अपनी एक गारंटी एमाउण्ट दे देते हैं, तो हमारी तरफ से तो जरा सी भी रुकावट नहीं होती है मेडीकल कालेज खोलने में।

322[The Questioner (Shri Ahmed Patel) was absent. For answer Vide Col-30 infra.]*

323.[The Questioner (Dr. Y. Laxmi Prasad) was absent. For answer Vide Col, 31 infra.]*

Dual policy towards scientific and non-scientific staff of ICMR in assessment and promotion rules

*324. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ICMR has a dual policy towards assessment and promotion rules of its scientific and non-scientific saff;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such a dual policy exists only with respect to ICMR as distinct from other research establishments like CSIR and DRDO etc.;

(c) if so, whether or not, such a policy adversely affects the morale of the non-scientific staff and the administrative functioning of the laboratories; and

(d) if so, by when such a policy will be rectified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The ICMR has three categories of employees viz. Scientific, Technical and Administrative.

Scientists are governed by the ICMR Research Cadre Rules which provide for merit promotions on the basis of five-yearly assessment. This is based on the Flexible Complementing Scheme as applicable to other scientific organisations like Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) etc.

For the technical staff of the Council, a proposal for introduction of a Recruitment & Merit Assessment Scheme on the DRDO pattern is under consideration. Under the proposed scheme, the technical staff would also be eligible for time-bound assessment and promotion on a limited scale.

Other categories of employees including those in the administrative cadre are eligible for vacancy based promotions as in other Departments/Organisations. It may be mentioned that cadre review in respect of Gr. 'B', 'C' & 'D' administrative staff has already been completed and the recommendations implemented. Action has also been initiated on the report of the Committee set up for reviewing the organisational set up of Gr. 'A' administrative posts.

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I think the Minister has also accepted in his statement that there was some kind of a lack of parity between the non-scientific and the scientific staff so far as promotion and assessment rules were concerned. Part (d) of my question was, "If so, by when such a policy will be rectified?" The Minister has not given a specific reply so far as this question is concerned. Only a general description of the present status has been given. Part (a) of my question is this. Is it a fact that the ICMR which was established in 1911 is much older than all other scientific bodies like ICAR which was established in 1947 and CSIR and DRDO which were established in 1948? I would like to know whether it is a fact that in all these places there is parity between the scientific and the technical staff so far as these are concerned. Part (b) of my question is this. Is it a fact that in 1986 it was decided by ICMR that both for the scientific and the non-scientific staff these rules will be there? Is it a fact that the decision regarding scientific staff was implemented but in the case of non-scientific and technical staff it was not implemented? After introducing a one-time cadre review during 1990-91, as a one-time measure, the overall scheme was supposed to be implemented on 1.4.1992. But due to some reasons it could not be implemented. I would like to know whether these are all facts or not.

SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI: Mr. Chairman, Sir, as the hon. Member has said, this matter has been going on for a very long time. I can quite understand the frustration of the employees of ICMR because it is one of the oldest institutions which is doing a lot of good work. Unfortunately, a decision was taken that the employees of ICMR, especially the technical staff should be graded at par with the employees of CSIR. The Ministry did some exercise. The matter was sent to the Ministry of Finance. The Ministry of Finance took a view that it should be done on the pattern of DRDO. The whole exercise was sent back to the Ministry of Health. Then we had another sitting. We again conducted this exercise. The matter has again been sent to the Ministry of Finance. It was sent to them in January, 1997. Their views are still awaited. In the meantime, the Fifth Pay Commission Report also came. We were told that we should not take any action till the recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission were finalised. This matter has been going on for a long time. The hon. Member has rightly said that in other places the employees have got one-time benefit, but the employees of ICMR have not got any benefit. We are concerned with their problems. At the moment everything is on hold till we get the final clearance from the Ministry of Finance.

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: The difficulty in this case is that the Minister also expresses his helplessness because the whole thing is stuck up with the Ministry of Finance. But there was a similar case. So far as AIR and Doordarshan employees are concerned, many times the issue was raised in the house. When all the past anomalies were referred to the Pay Commission, they took a decision, "We cannot settle past anomalies." So, it is up

to the administrative Ministry to take a decision and the Government of India should come to some conclusion. The Minister himself admitted on the floor of the house that the case of non-scientific technical staff was very, very legitimate. It is a reputed institution. This is leading to demoralisation. Therefore, it would be in the fitness of things if this was settled. The point is not whether it is with the Health Ministry or the Ministry of Finance. It is a question of collective responsibility. Therefore, through you, Mr. Chairman, I would like to appeal to the Minister to give some specific assurance since he admits that the case is a legitimate one. Some urgent action should be taken. I would ask of the Government when they would take a decision. There should be a specific deadline, a specific time schedule for applying this one-time cadre review, pending the Pay Commission's recommendations.

SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI: Sir, I do assure the hon. Member. He is absolutely right. This has been going on for a very long time now. This morning I took a review meeting and I said, "Let us look into the possibility of one time assessment programme." This is what the hon. Member has suggested. I can only give an assurance at the moment. We are looking into this matter very seriously. Maybe, we can do a one-time assessment promotion just now and then wait for the outcome of the 5th Pay Commission Report. I have already asked the Ministry to find out whether this is possible. I should get an answer within the next 24 or 48 hours and I will keep the hon. Member informed about it. If we can do it, we will certainly go ahead with it.

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I request you to specifically direct the Government on this question. We as individual Members are helpless. The Government admits that they are not able to do anything.

I appeal to you, Mr. Chairman. Please direct the Government. Please protect our role as representatives of people.

SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI: I will take it up.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He said that he will take it up.

श्री मूलचन्द मीणा: सभापति महोदय, भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान अनुसंधान परिषद के अंदर जैसी दयनीय स्थिति रौड्यूल्ड कास्ट और रौड्यूल्ड ट्राईब्स के कर्मचारियों की है, पहली बात तो यह है कि जो आरक्षण के पद है उनको भरा ही नहीं जाता और जो भर लिए गए हैं उनको पदोन्नत भी नहीं किया जाता। तो मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहूंगा कि संस्थान के अंदर जो रौड्यूल्ड कास्ट और रौड्यूल्ड ट्राईब्स के रिक्त पद हैं उनको कब तक भर लेंगे और जिन कर्मचारियों को पदोन्नति नहीं दी गई है उनको कब तक पदोन्नति दे दी जाएगी?

SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI: I can only tell the hon. Member, through you, that we have already taken steps to fill up all the vacant posts, whether they are of the general category or whether they are of the Scheduled Castes or the Scheduled Tribes category. The process has already started and we are looking into it so that we can fill up all the vacancies. Regarding promotion, I do not have any specific complaint that someone has been denied promotion because he belonged to a particular community or a particular caste. If there is any specific complaint, I will look into it.

***325.** *[The Questioner (Shri V. Hanumantharao) was absent. For answer vide col. 32 infra.]*

Expansion of Thiruvananthapuram Airport

*326. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any expansion work is proposed for the international airport Thiruvananthapuram; and

(b) what is the present position and by when it would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE